

Governor Wagemaker To Retire After 37 Years With Govt.

His Honor Lt. Governor I. Wagemaker, Aruba's chief civil authority for the past 16 years, will retire this month after service of 37 years in the Netherlands Overseas Government. As his retirement date approached, his chief hope has been to see the liberation of Holland and the complete defeat of Germany before he relinquished his office May 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Wagemaker will leave Aruba for Curaçao early in June, en route to the United States. After a medical trip to Boston they hope to visit their daughter in Washington. Following this they plan to retire to "a quiet place in the country" until it is possible to return to Holland, where he hopes to engage in some form of welfare work that will give him an opportunity to assist the stricken population.

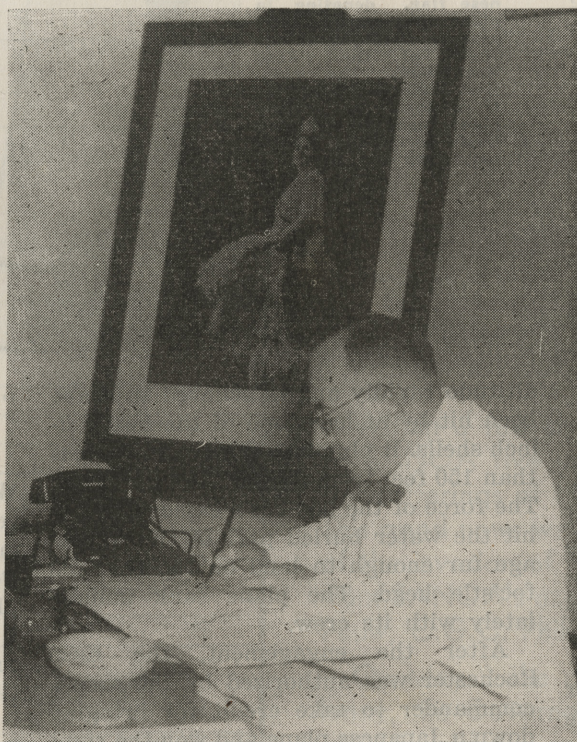
Mr. Wagemaker, who is 60 this year, came to Aruba December 16, 1928. He was especially well-suited for the post of Gezaghebber, since oil was the coming thing in Aruba, and he had had long experience in the relations between Government and the oil industry during his years of work in the Netherlands East Indies, where he lived from 1912 to 1928.

He first entered Government service in 1904, and except for an interlude of private business from 1916 to 1920, remained with the Government until his retirement.

Practically all of Aruba's great development as an industrial center came after Mr. Wagemaker's arrival here, and his administration was a burdening one, taking in as it did the "growing pains" of the oil industry, the period when

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His Honor, Lt. Governor I. Wagemaker

Otro Empleado Arubano Ta Worde Mandá Merca Pa Entrenamento

Johannes Ruiz di Departamento di Instrument ta e di dos empleado nativo cu ta worde mandá Merca recientemente pa ricibi entrenamiento especial. E a sali fo'i Aruba dia 14 di Mei pa un estadía di mas o menos tres luna na New York.

E lo ricibi mas o menos mes soorto di entrenamiento cu Antolin Kock, kende e bolbe fo'i Merca na Februari. Johannes lo pasa varios siman na fabricanan di mashinnan pa scirbi marca Remington i Underwood pa haya entrenamiento den drechamento i mantenemento di e mashinnan aki, y despues lo dedica varios siman di trabao ariba mashin pa conta marca Sundstrand i tambe mashin pa calcula marca Monroe.

Paul Jensen, Jefe di Departamento di Instrument,

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In June, Aruba loses a great citizen and friend when Mr. I. Wagemaker retires from the position of Gezaghebber which he has so capably filled since 1928. All who have known him intimately as a man and an administrator have the greatest admiration for his character, ability and geniality. We will miss him keenly. The reasons for his voluntary retirement from the scene of his many accomplishments are well known and we sympathize with his desires. We hope that he enjoys his well-earned vacation and is successful in restoring health to his charming wife.

Mr. Wagemaker came here from the East Indies where he had been a very successful administrator in the oil producing region of Sumatra to give Aruba the benefit of his experience when it was beginning to take the limelight as the oil refinery center of the world. He has had a great part in the development of this island and its population in the change from a rural to an industrial community. The problems confronting Mr. Wagemaker in these sixteen years have been many and varied. He solved them with his talent of patience, common sense and fairmindedness. There have been no clashes or disturbances in our cosmopolitan community and many have wondered that such harmony could be achieved in the course of such radical and swift changes in the social structure. Those who know realize that most of the credit must go to Mr. Wagemaker for his practical understanding and executive ability.

The Curaçao Government has been exceedingly fortunate in having Mr. Wagemaker as Gezaghebber of Aruba. Most of us foreigners have gained our whole experience with the Kingdom of the Netherlands, its system of government, its ideals and policies from our contacts with Government Officials in Curaçao and Aruba. Mr. Wagemaker has personified the high qualities of his Government and made us admirers of Holland and its people who have been called the "Indomitable Dutch" in this war for Freedom and Liberty. We shall surely miss this upright, loyal citizen of the Netherlands.

With sadness in our hearts we bid "Farewell" to "Governor" Wagemaker with best wishes for his happiness and continued success in any future service which his Government may give him in its task of restoring the Netherlands to its true place with the peace-loving people of the world.

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